Commercial use of basement in Delhi

633. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 11th March, 1993, under the caption Master Plan flouted commercial use of basement to the effect that the basements are being used for commercial purposes on a large-scale in the Capital in total violation of the Master Plan provisions and the Delhi Development Act;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard; and

(c) what remedial action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) (i) 98 cases were detected by the New Delhi Municipal Committee in and around Connaught Place. Electric connections of 98 consumers were disconnected. However the same were subsequently restored as per the orders of the Delhi High Court where all these cases are still pending.

(ii) The Enforcement Branch of the Delhi Development Authority detected 374 cases of misuse of basement in 1992. Prosecution under Section 29(2) of DD Act have been launched against 163 persons.

(iii) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that as and when any unauthorised construction|deviation against sanctioned building plan including misuse of basement for commercial purpose is noticed, action under various provisions of DMC Act is initiated including action under the amended act for sealing and prosecution in case of major unauthorised constructions.

Amendment in Urban Land Ceiling Act

634. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a final decision to amend the Urban Land Ceiling Act; and

(b) if so, by when the amendment bill is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) The Govt. of India have framed various proposals to amend the Urban Land Ceiling Act but no final decision has been taken so far.

(b) The amendment bill to the Urban Land Ceiling Act can be introduced only after a resolution is passed to this effect by the State legislatures in terms of the provisions of Article 352(2) of the Constitution of India. Hence, it is difficult to indicate the time frame within which the amendment bill can be introduced.

Flats and Bunglows occupied by Ex-Members of Parliament, former Ministers etc.

635. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2675 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th March, 1992 and state:

(a) the number of bunglows and flats which are under unauthorised